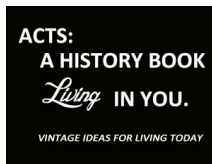


# The Power to Witness.

Acts: Part 2 (Acts 2:1-13) Noah Largent & Nick Stewart 1/12/14



**Acts 1:8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Then you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem. You will be my witnesses in all Judea and Samaria. And you will be my witnesses from one end of the earth to the other."

**Acts 2:1-13** The day of Pentecost came. The believers all gathered in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound came from heaven. It was like a strong wind blowing. It filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw something that looked like tongues of fire. The flames separated and settled on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to speak in languages they had not known before. The Spirit gave them the ability to do this.

<sup>5</sup> Godly Jews from every country in the world were staying in Jerusalem.

<sup>6</sup> A crowd came together when they heard the sound. They were bewildered because they each heard the believers speaking in their own language. <sup>7</sup> The crowd was really amazed. They asked, "Aren't all these people from Galilee?"

<sup>8</sup> Why, then, do we each hear them speaking in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites. We live in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia. We are from Pontus, Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia. Others of us are from Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene. Still others are visitors from Rome. <sup>11</sup> Some of the visitors are Jews. Others have accepted the Jewish faith. Also, Cretans and Arabs are here. We hear all these people speaking about God's wonders in our own languages!" <sup>12</sup> They were amazed and bewildered. They asked one another, "What does this mean?"

<sup>13</sup> But some people in the crowd made fun of the believers. "They've had too much wine!" they said.

**"Witness"**: martys -from mā'r-tūs

Historical, Ethical & Legal

"To testify about WHO Jesus is and WHAT it means to follow Him."

**"Power"**: dynamis -from dü'-nä-mēs

"residing in a thing by virtue of its nature"

To be Empowered or Enabled.

The Holy Spirit's ministry is to take *truths* about Jesus and make them clear to our minds and real to our hearts – so real that they console and empower and change us at our very center. - Tim Keller "Words" -7/3/12

**"Suddenly" vs.2**

▸ No new manufactured religious programs.

▸ Waiting on God's Timing. Acts 1:7

"It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority."

▸ A unique event.

**"blowing wind...", "tongues of fire" vs.2&3**

▸ Metaphors: "Like the" & "seemed to be".

▸ Wind & Fire are commonly used as pictures of judgement.

**"tongues" vs.4**

▸ Known foreign languages.

▸ The Filling of the Spirit is *practical*.

▸ "Aren't these *Galileans*?" vs.7

▸ A reversal of Babel. *Genesis Ch.11*

**"Pentecost" vs.1**

▸ 50 days after Passover.

▸ Liberation of a "Mixed Multitude". Ex. 12:38

▸ New Identity: "*Kingdom of Priest*". Ex. 19:5&6

▸ God shows up in *Loud Noises* and *Fire*.

▸ Giving of the "10 Words (teachings)"

▸ Moses was the "Mediator".

**You can leave here today knowing:**

▸ The Holy Spirit is available to you. He brings conviction, guides, instructs, empowers, brings you peace and can speak through you.

▸ God's Spirit favors no language or ethnicity.

▸ God's plan for His people has not changed!

**Notes:**
